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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 30 January 2002 (30.01.02)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference VAL 218 PCT	
International application No. PCT/FI00/00746	International filing date (day/month/year) 01 September 2000 (01.09.00)

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/FI00/00746	Applicant's or agent's file reference VAL 218 PCT
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Applicant KIIHA, Timo et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
 28 March 2001 (28.03.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

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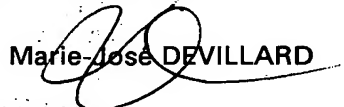
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FI 00/00746

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: D21H 23/48, B05C 5/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: D21H, B05C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5885659 A (SHUNSUKE TAKAHASHI ET AL), 23 March 1999 (23.03.99), column 4, line 41 - line 67 --	1,7-11
X	US 5624715 A (MARKUS GUEGGI ET AL), 29 April 1997 (29.04.97), column 1, line 60 - column 2, line 35 --	1-14
X	US 5340402 A (RUDOLF BEISSWANGER), 23 August 1994 (23.08.94), column 2, line 64 - column 3, line 60 --	1-14

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

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"X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

13 November 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

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X	US 5820674 A (CYRUS K. AIDUN), 13 October 1998 (13.10.98), column 4, line 66 - column 5, line 45	1-3,11-13
A	--	4-10,14
X	US 5688325 A (CYRUS K. AIDUN), 18 November 1997 (18.11.97), column 2, line 46 - column 3, line 50	1
A	--	2-14
A	US 5773093 A (KAMEO MITANI ET AL), 30 June 1998 (30.06.98), column 6, line 11 - line 17	1-14
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
Information on patent family members

International application No.
PCT/FI 00/00746

US	5885659	A	23/03/99	DE	19735980 A	26/02/98
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US	5624715	A	29/04/97	EP	0704752 A	03/04/96
				JP	8173879 A	09/07/96
US	5340402	A	23/08/94	CA	2089918 A	22/08/93
				DE	4205313 A,C	26/08/93
				FI	98747 B,C	30/04/97
				FI	930756 A	22/08/93
				JP	5345162 A	27/12/93
				SE	9300114 A	22/08/93
US	5820674	A	13/10/98	AU	3822697 A	06/03/98
				EP	0918571 A	02/06/99
				WO	9806504 A	19/02/98
US	5688325	A	18/11/97	US	5354376 A	11/10/94
				US	5366551 A	22/11/94
US	5773093	A	30/06/98	DE	19622080 A	05/12/96
				JP	9047706 A	18/02/97

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference VAL 218 PCT	
International application No. PCT/FI00/00746	International filing date (day/month/year) 1 September 2000 (01.09.00)
(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 1 September 1999 (01.09.99)	
Title of invention Curtain coater and method for curtain coating	
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1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed

the description

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as originally filed

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as amended under Article 34

the claims

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as originally filed

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as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

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as amended under Article 34

the drawings

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as originally filed

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as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

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which is the language in which the international application was filed.

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which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

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which is the language of publication of the international application.

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which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATESThe applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (specify) | : | sheets |

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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For the applicants

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

☐ The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. ☐ Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference VAL 218 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/FI00/00746	International filing date (day/month/year) 01.09.2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 01.09.1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ₇ D 21 H 23/48, B 05 C 5/02		
Applicant Valmet Corporation et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 28.03.2001	Date of completion of this report 19.12.2001
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/SE Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Facsimile No. 08-667 72 88	Authorized officer William Helin/Els Telephone No. 08-782 25 00

I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 2, 4-7, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 1, 3, filed with the letter of 15.10.2001
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 8-11, filed with the letter of 15.10.2001
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 2, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 5 624 715
D2: US 5 340 402
D3: US 5 885 659

Document D1 discloses a method for curtain coating where an evacuating device is utilised to evacuate air carried along with the web. An air shield is disposed in front of the liquid film and the residual air is evacuated through a slot connected to a ventilator. Further, a second ventilator supplies air to a substantially closed space where the coating takes place.

Document D2 relates to a coating system for application of coating colour on a paper web. The application zone is preceded by a slat, which scrapes off the air film clinging to the paper web. An air channel through the slat vents the gap space between the web and the slat.

Through document D3, a curtain coating apparatus using an air shielding device to shield airflow accompanied by the web is known.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V

None of the documents above display an outwardly curved surface on the doctoring means in accordance with the claimed invention. Owing the outwardly curved surface of the air doctoring means, the web can be supported at the doctoring point by the doctoring means itself, hence, there is no need for a backing roll. Without the backing roll, no gap preventing the doctoring means from touching the web is required. Thereby, the distance between the web and the doctoring means can be reduced. A further advantage of the fact that the doctoring means supports the web is that the travelling direction of the web can be altered by the doctoring means.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1-12 is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable.

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Curtain coater and method for curtain coating

5 The present invention relates to curtain coater according to the preamble of claim 1 and to curtain-coating method according to the preamble of claim 10.

10 In a curtain coater, the coating mix is applied to the surface of a moving web of paper or board, generally from a nozzle extending over the full cross-machine width of the web and located above the web being coated, whereby the coating mix can fall onto the web surface as curtain-like shower. Curtain coating is categorized as a noncontacting coating method, wherein the applicator
15 itself makes no contact with the web being coated, but instead, the coating mix is applied to the web surface in the form of a free-falling curtain of coating mix. The technique of curtain coating is described, e.g., in publication DE 196 22 080.

20 During its travel, a moving web gathers a thin boundary layer of air that moves along with the web. In curtain coaters, the momentum of the coating mix applied to the web surface is small as compared to the momentum of the coating mix amount directed from a jet applicator, for
25 instance, which means that the boundary air layer traveling on the web surface can easily scatter the curtain of coating mix flowing from the nozzle of a curtain coater thus making the applied coating layer uneven. With higher
30 web speeds in the coater station, the problem is accentuated due to the faster speed of the boundary air layer and its higher momentum. Hence, the control of the

the web to the application zone. In one embodiment of the invention, the amount of the boundary air coming to the application zone is reduced by means of a suction nozzle cooperating with the air-doctoring element, whereby the boundary air layer is removed via the suction nozzle by a vacuum. Additionally, the adherence of the coating mix curtain to the web surface can be augmented by means of a gas-injection nozzle mounted downstream after the applicator nozzle in the travel direction of the web, whereby a gas jet can be directed from the gas-injection nozzle toward the coating mix curtain. Hereby, the combined momentum of the coating mix curtain and the gas jet becomes sufficiently energetic to force the coating mix to penetrate through the boundary air layer traveling on the web surface.

More specifically, the curtain coaters according to the invention are characterized by what is stated in the characterizing part of claims 1.

Furthermore, the curtain-coating method according to the invention is characterized by what is stated in the characterizing part of claims 10.

The invention offers significant benefits.

In a curtain coater according to the invention, the amount of boundary air traveling on the web being coated to the application zone can be reduced significantly as compared with conventional curtain coaters, whereby the coat quality and web runnability in the coater are improved. The web speed in a curtain coater according to

Claims:

1. Curtain coater for coating a moving web (2) of paper or board, the curtain coater comprising an applicator nozzle (1) located above the web (2) to be coated so as to apply the coating mix therefrom to the surface of the web (2) in the form of a continuous curtain extending uniformly over the cross-machine width of the web (2), and doctoring means (3) serving to remove the boundary air layer traveling on the surface of the web (2) by being located upstream in the travel direction of the web (2) in front of the impingement point of the coating mix curtain on the surface of the web (2) and further being located on the same side of the web (2) as the applicator nozzle (1) characterized in that the surface of the doctoring means (3) facing the web is outward curved in order to support the web (2) at the doctoring point.
2. Curtain coater according to claim 1, characterized by a gas-injection nozzle (5) located downstream in the travel direction of the web (2) after the applicator nozzle (1) so as to extend over the cross-machine width of the web (2) and adapted to blow gas via said gas-injection nozzle toward the coating mix curtain being applied from the applicator nozzle (1).
3. Curtain coater according to claim 1 or 2, characterized by a suction nozzle (4) extending over the cross-machine width of the web (2) and adapted to said doctoring means (3) so as to remove by suction the boundary air layer traveling on the surface of the web

(2).

4. Curtain coater according to claim 3, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the inlet opening (7) of the
5 suction nozzle (4) is adapted to rear wall of the
doctoring means (3).

5. Curtain coater according to claim 3 or 4, c h a r -
a c t e r i z e d in that the inlet opening (7) of the
10 suction nozzle (4) is adapted to the surface of the
doctoring means (3) facing the web (2).

6. Curtain coater according to any one of foregoing
claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the surface
15 of the doctoring means (3) facing the web (2) has a
curved shape.

7. Curtain coater according to claim 6, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the distance of the web (2) from
20 the curved surface of the doctoring means (3) is in the
range of 0-500 μ m.

8. Curtain coater according to any one of foregoing
claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that said
25 doctoring means (3) is a doctor bar.

9. Curtain coater according to any one of foregoing
claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the distance
along the surface of the web (2) from the doctoring point
30 of said doctoring means (3) to the application point
under said applicator nozzle (1) is less than 50 mm.

10. Curtain-coating method for coating a moving web (2) of paper or board, in which method

- 5 - the web (2) to be coated is passed to a coater station,
- 10 - using an applicator nozzle (1) located above the web (2), the coating mix is therefrom applied to the surface of the web (2) in the form of a continuous curtain extending uniformly over the cross-machine width of the web (2), and
- 15 - the boundary air layer traveling along with the web is removed from the surface of the web (2) facing said applicator nozzle (1) with the help of a doctoring means (3) located upstream in the travel direction of the web (2) in front of the applicator nozzle (1),

20 c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n t h a t outward curved doctoring means (3) is used in order to support the web (2) at the doctoring point.

11. Curtain-coating method according to claim 10,
25 c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n t h a t g a s i s b l o w n t o w a r d t h e c o a t i n g m i x c u r t a i n b e i n g a p p l i e d f r o m t h e a p p l i c a t o r n o z z l e (1) f r o m a g a s - i n j e c t i o n n o z z l e (5) t h a t i s l o c a t e d d o w n s t r e a m i n t h e t r a v e l d i r e c t i o n o f t h e w e b (2) a f t e r t h e a p p l i c a t o r n o z z l e (1) a n d i s a d a p t e d t o e x t e n d
30 o v e r t h e c r o s s - m a c h i n e w i d t h o f t h e w e b (2) .

12. Curtain-coating method according to claim 10 or 11,

c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the boundary air layer traveling on the surface of the web (2) is removed by suction applied by a suction nozzle (4) adapted to said doctoring means (3).

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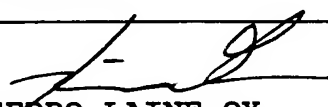
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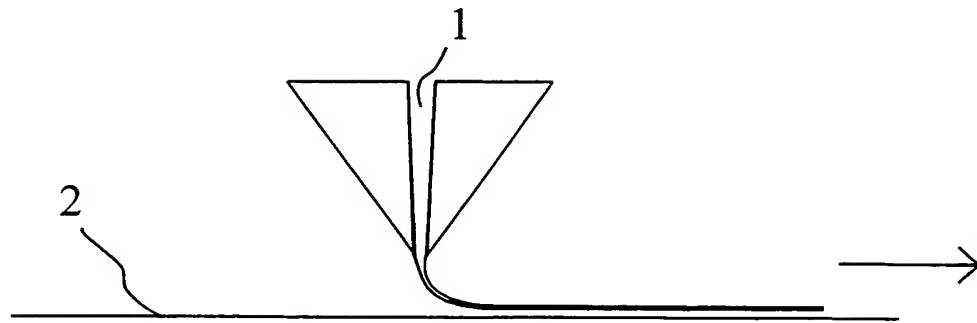


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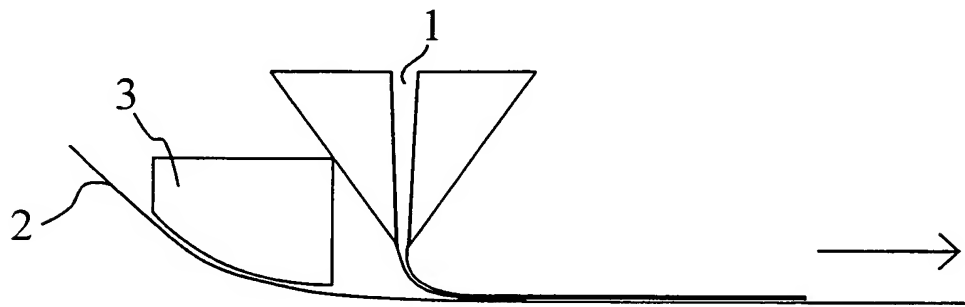


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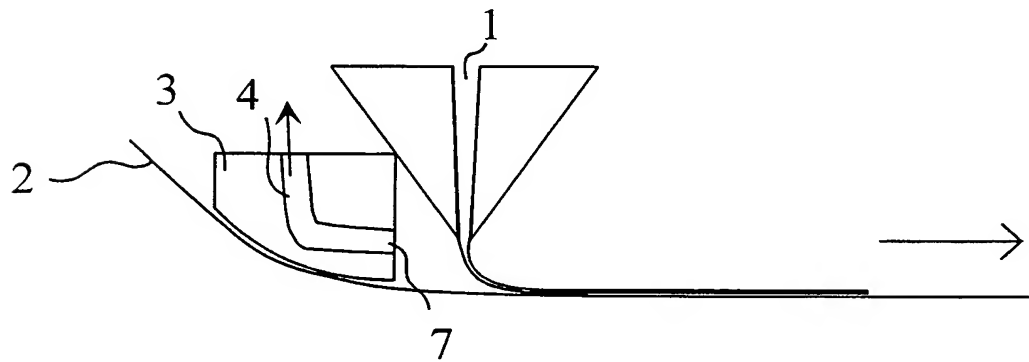


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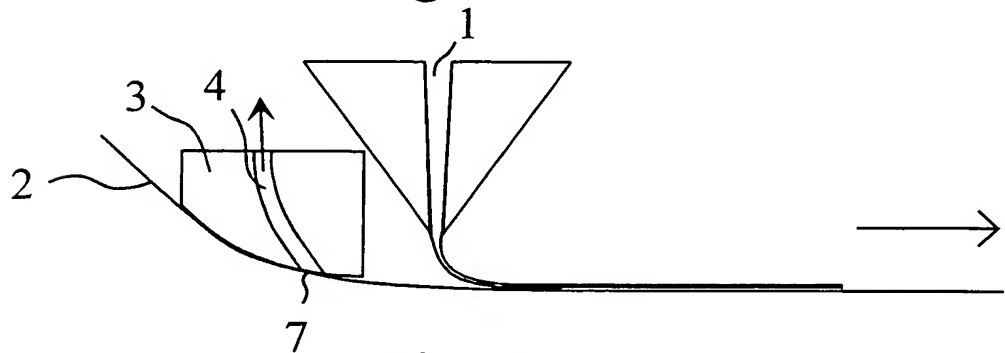


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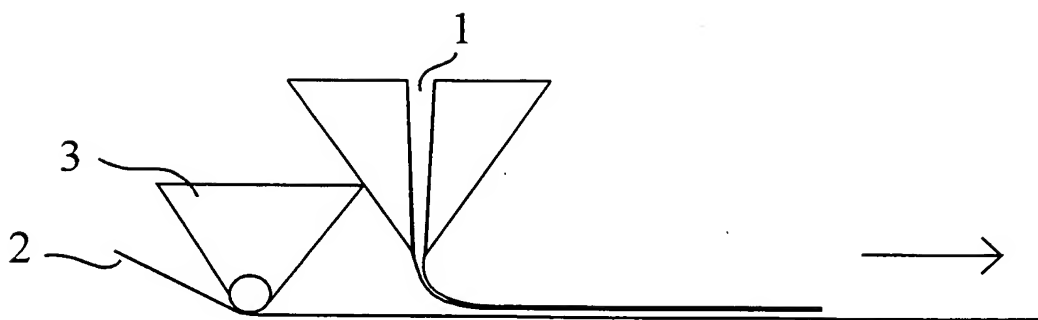


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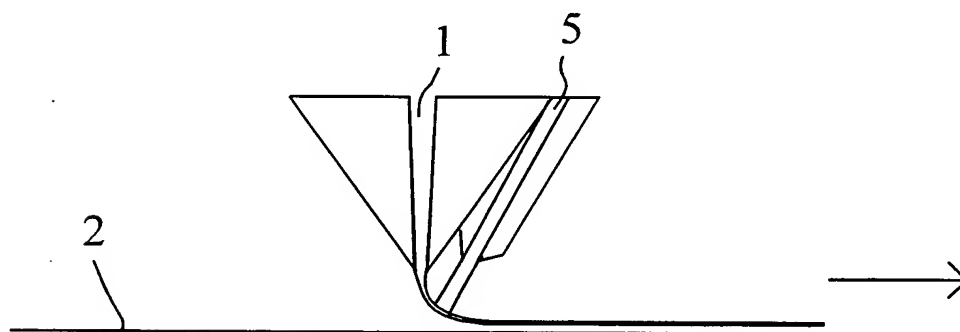


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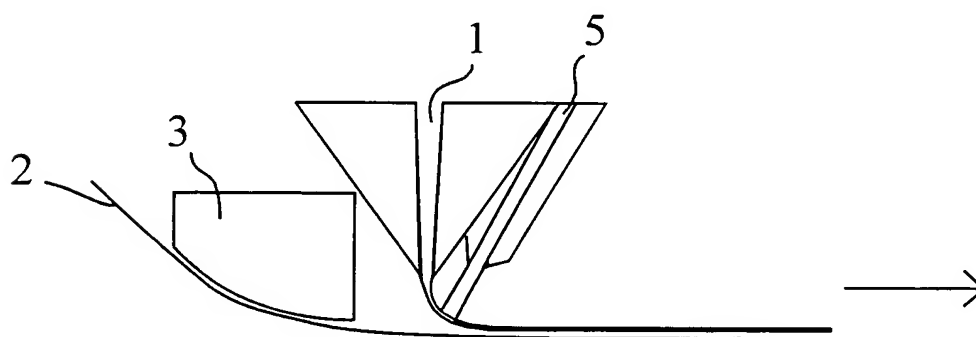


Fig. 7

Verhopäällystin ja verhopäällystysmenetelmä

Tämän keksinnön kohteina ovat patenttivaatimusten 1 ja 2 johdantojen mukaiset verhopäällystimet ja patenttivaatimusten 11 ja 12 johdantojen mukaiset verhopäällystysmenetelmät.

Verhopäällystimessä päällysteseosta applikoidaan liikkuvan paperi- tai kartonkirainan pinnalle yleensä päällystettävän rainan yläpuolelle sijoitetusta, rainan levyisestä suuttimesta, jolloin päällysteseos putoaa rainan pinnalle verho-
maisena suihkuna. Verhopäällystys on ns. kosketukseton
päällystysmenetelmä, jossa itse applikointilaite ei kosketa
päällystettävää rainaa ollenkaan vaan päällysteseos appli-
koidaan vapaasti rainan pinnalle. Verhopäällystystä on ku-
vattu mm. julkaisussa DE 196 22 080.

Liikkuvan rainan pinnalle muodostuu ohut ilmakerros, joka kulkee rainan mukana. Verhopäällystimissä rainan pinnalle
applikoitavan päällysteseoksen liikemäärä on pieni esimer-
kiksi jet-päällystimestä applikoitavan päällysteseoksen
liikemäärään verrattuna, minkä takia rainan mukana kulkeva
rajakerrosilma hajottaa helposti verhopäällystimen suutti-
mesta applikoitavan päällysteseosverhon, jolloin päällysteseoskerroksesta muodostuu epätasainen. Päällystysaseman
ajonopeuden kasvaessa ongelma pahenee entisestään, koska
rajakerrosilman nopeus ja liikemäärä lisääntyvät. Ajonopeu-
den kasvaessa rajakerrosilman hallinta onkin yksi merkittä-
vimmistä verhopäällystimen ajettavuuteen vaikuttavista omi-
naisuuksista.

Rajakerrosilman aiheuttamaa ongelmaa voidaan vähentää esi-
merkiksi kasvattamalla päällysteseoksen putouskorkeutta ja

sitä kautta nopeutta tai lisäämällä applikoitavan päällysteseoksen määrää, jolloin päällysteseoksen liikemäärää lisääntyy ja päällysteverho tunkeutuu helpommin rainan pinnalla olevan ilmakerroksen läpi. Päällysteverhon putouskorkeutta ei kuitenkaan yleensä voida lisätä riittävästi, koska päällysteverho alkaa kuroutua ja hajota putouskorkeuden kasvaessa. Lisäksi applikoitavan päällysteseoksen määrää lisättäessä on rainan pinnalta kaavittava ylimääräinen päällysteseos pois.

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Tämän keksinnön tarkoituksena on saada aikaan aivan uudenlainen verhopäällystin ja verhopäällystysmenetelmä, joilla rajakerrosilman tunkeutumista verhopäällystimen applikointialueelle voidaan oleellisesti vähentää.

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Keksintö perustuu siihen, että päällystettävän rainan kulkusuunnassa ennen applikointikohtaa sijoitetaan kaavinelin, jolla rainan pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa poistetaan. Kaavinelin vähentää huomattavasti rainan mukana applikointialueelle tulevaa ilmamäärää. Yhdessä keksinnön sovellusmuodossa applikointialueelle tulevan rajakerrosilman määrää vähennetään kaavinelimessä olevalla imuyhteellä, jonka kautta rainan pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa imetään pois. Päällysteseosverhon kiinnittymistä rainan pinnalle voidaan lisäksi parantaa rainan kulkusuunnassa applikointisuuttimen jälkeen sijoitettavalla kaasusuuttimella, josta puhallettava kaasusuihku on suunnattu kohti päällysteseosverhoa. Tällöin päällysteseosverhon ja kaasusuihkun yhteenlaskettu liikemäärä riittää painamaan päällysteseoksen rainan pinnalla olevan ilmakerroksen läpi.

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Täsmällisemmin sanottuna keksinnön mukaisille verhopäällystimille on tunnusomaista se, mikä on esitetty patenttivaatimusten 1 ja 2 tunnusmerkkiosissa.

- 5 Keksin­nön mukaisille verhopäällystysmenetelmille puolestaan on tunnusomaista se, mikä on esitetty patenttivaatimusten 11 ja 12 tunnusmerkkiosissa.

Keksinnön avulla saavutetaan huomattavia etuja.

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Keksinnön mukaisessa verhopäällystimessä päällystettävän rainan mukana applikointialueelle kulkevan rajakerrosilman määrä vähenee huomattavasti tavanomaisiin verhopäällystimiin verrattuna, minkä ansiosta päällystimen päällystysjälki ja ajettavuus paranevat. Keksin­nön mukaisen verhopäällystimen ajonopeutta voidaan helposti kasvattaa, koska rajakerrosilmaa pystytään tehokkaasti poistamaan rainan pinnalta ennen applikointia.

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- 20 Keksintöä kuvataan seuraavassa tarkemmin viittaamalla oheisiin piirustuksiin.

Kuvio 1 esittää kaaviollisesti tavanomaisen verhopäällystimen poikkileikkausta.

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Kuviot 2-7 esittävät kaaviollisesti keksinnön mukaisen verhopäällystimen eri sovellusmuotojen poikkileikkauksia.

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Kuviossa 1 esitetty tavanomainen verhopäällystin käsittää rainan 2 yläpuolella olevan rainan 2 leveyssuuntaisen applikointisuuttimen 1, josta päällysteseosta applikoidaan liikkuvan rainan 2 pinnalle. Rainan 2 kulkusuunta on merkitty nuolella. Rainan 2 pinnalla kulkeva rajakerrosilma

kääntää suuttimesta 1 applikoitavaa päällysteseosverhoa
rainan 2 kulkusuuntaan. Ajonopeuden ollessa riittävän suuri
kaikki päällysteseosverho hajooa ja osa päällysteseoksesta
kulkee rajakerrosilman mukana rainan 1 kulkusuuntaan, jol-
5 loin rainan 2 pinnalle muodostuu kohtia, joissa ei ole
päällystettä lainkaan.

Kuviossa 2 verhopäällystimen applikointisuuttimen 1 appli-
kointialueen eteen on rainan 2 kulkusuunnassa sijoitettu
10 kaarevapintainen, rainan 2 leveyssuuntainen kaavinelin 3,
joka hajottaa rainan pinnalla 2 kulkevan rajakerrosilman ja
vähentää päällystysjälkeä heikentävän ilman kulkeutumista
applikointialueelle. Kaavinelin 3 on sijoitettu siten, että
sen kaareva pinta on rainan 2 yläpuolella. Liikkuvan rainan
15 2 ja kaavinelimen 3 väliin muodostuu yleensä ilmakerros,
jonka paksuuteen vaikuttavat mm. rainan 2 nopeus ja kaa-
vinelimen kaarevan osan kaarevuussäde. Tavallisesti rainan
2 ja kaavinelimen 3 kaarevan osan väliin jäävän ilmakerrok-
sen paksuus on noin 0-500 μ m. Kaavinelimen 3 vasten rainaa
20 2 olevan kaarevan osan loppukohta on edullista sijoittaa
mahdollisimman lähelle suuttimen 1 applikointikohdan alkua,
koska rainan 2 pinnalla oleva ilmakerros muodostuu nopeasti
uudestaan kaavinelimen 3 jälkeisellä vapaalla osuudella.
Ilmakerros saattaa kehittyä alkuperäiseen paksuuteensa jo
25 50 mm:n matkalla.

Kuvion 3 sovellusmuodossa kuviossa 2 kuvattuun kaavineli-
meen 3 on lisätty rainan 2 leveyssuuntainen imukanava 4,
jonka suuaukko 7 on sijoitettu kaavinelimen 3 takaosaan.
30 Rainan 2 pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa imetään imukana-
vaan 4.

Kuviossa 4 imukanavan 4 suuaukko 7 on sijoitettu kaavineli-
men 3 kaarevaan, rainan 2 kanssa vastakkain olevaan pin-
taan.

- 5 Kuviossa 5 kaavineliimenä käytetään ennen applikointisuutti-
men 1 applikointialuetta sijoitettua sauvakaavinta 3, jonka
sauva koskettaa liikkuvaa rainaa 2 ja estää rainan 2 pin-
nalla olevan rajakerrosilman kulkeutumisen applikointialu-
eelle.

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- Kuvion 6 sovellusmuodossa rainan 2 kulkusuunnassa päällyys-
teseoksen applikointisuuttimen 1 jälkeen on sijoitettu rai-
nan 2 leveyssuuntainen kaasusuutin 5, josta puhalletaan
kaasua kohti applikointisuuttimesta putoavaa päällysteseos-
15 verhoa. Tässä keksinnössä kaasulla tarkoitetaan kaikkia
kaasufaasissa olevia aineita, kuten ilmaa, muita kaasuja ja
vesihöyryä. Kun kaasusuuttimesta 5 tulevan kaasusuihkun ja
päällysteseosverhossa olevan päällysteseoksen yhteenlasket-
tu liikemäärä on riittävän suuri verrattuna liikkuvan rai-
20 nan 2 pinnalla olevan rajakerrosilman liikemäärään, pääl-
lysteseosverho kiinnittyy rainan 2 pinnalle. Applikoin-
tisuuttimesta 1 ja kaasusuuttimesta 5 tulevat suihkut koh-
taavat toisensa ennen kuin päällysteseosverho osuu rainaan
2. Kaasusuuttimen 5 toimintapainetta muuttamalla voidaan
25 kontrolloida päällysteseoksen kiinnittymistä rainan 2 pin-
nalle.

- Kuvion 7 sovellusmuodossa on kuviossa 6 kuvattuun sovellus-
muotoon lisätty rainan 2 pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa
30 poistava, rainan 2 kulkusuunnassa ennen applikointisuutinta
1 oleva kaavinelin 3. Tällöin kaavinelin 3 poistaa osan ra-
jakerrosilmasta ja kaasusuutin 5 varmistaa päällysteseos-
verhon kiinnittymisen rainan 2 pinnalle.

Keksinnöllä on myös edellä kuvatusta poikkeavia sovellusmuotoja.

- 5 Kaavinelimenä 3 voidaan käyttää myös pientä telaa, joka pyörii tai on paikallaan. Myös edellä esitettyjen sovellusmuotojen erilaiset muunnelmät ovat mahdollisia. Esimerkiksi kuviossa 7 esitetyn sovellusmuodon kaavinelimeen 3 voidaan tarvittaessa lisätä kuvioiden 3 ja 4 sovellusmuodoissa kuvattut imuyhteet 4 rainan 2 pinnalla olevan rajakerrosilman poiston tehostamiseksi.
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Patenttivaatimukset:

1. Verhopäällystin liikkumaan sovitettun paperi- tai karton-
kirainan (2) päällystämiseksi, joka verhopäällystin kä-
sittää päällystettävän rainan (2) yläpuolelle sovitettun
5 applikointisuuttimen (1), josta päällysteseos on sovi-
tettu applikoitavaksi rainan (2) pinnalle yhtenäisenä
rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisena verhona, tunnettu rai-
nan (2) pinnalla olevan rajakerrosilman poistamiseen
10 tarkoitettuna, rainan (2) kulkusuunnassa ennen päällys-
teseoksen rainan (2) pinnalle osumakohtaa sovitettuna
kaavineliimestä (3), joka on sovitettu samalle puolelle
rainaa (2) kuin applikointisuutin (1).
- 15 2. Verhopäällystin liikkumaan sovitettun paperi- tai karton-
kirainan (2) päällystämiseksi, joka verhopäällystin kä-
sittää päällystettävän rainan (2) yläpuolelle sovitettun
applikointisuuttimen (1), josta päällysteseos on sovi-
tettu applikoitavaksi rainan (2) pinnalle yhtenäisenä
20 rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisena verhona, tunnettu rai-
nan (2) kulkusuunnassa applikointisuuttimen (1) jälkeen
sovitettuna rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisesta kaasusuutti-
mesta (5), joka on sovitettu puhaltamaan kaasua appli-
kointisuuttimesta (1) applikoitavaa päällysteseosverhoa
25 kohti.
3. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 mukainen verhopäällystin, tun-
nettu rainan (2) kulkusuunnassa applikointisuuttimen
(1) jälkeen sovitettuna rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisesta
30 kaasusuuttimesta (5), joka on sovitettu puhaltamaan kaa-
sua applikointisuuttimesta (1) applikoitavaa päällys-
teseosverhoa kohti.

4. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 tai 3 mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu kaavinelineen (3) sovitetusta rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisesta, rainan (2) pinnalla olevan rajakerrosilman imemiseen tarkoitettusta imuyhteestä (4).
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5. Patenttivaatimuksen 4 mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että imuyhteen (4) imupää (6) on sovitettu kaavinelimen (3) takaseinään.
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6. Patenttivaatimuksen 4 tai 5 mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että imuyhteen (4) imupää (6) on sovitettu kaavinelimen (3) rainan (2) kanssa vastakkain sovitettuun pintaan.
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7. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että kaavinelimen (3) rainan (2) kanssa vastakkain sovitettu pinta on kaareva.
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8. Patenttivaatimuksen 7 mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että rainan (2) etäisyys kaavinelimen (3) kaarevasta pinnasta on 0-500 μm .
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9. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että kaavinelin (3) on sauvakaavin.
- 30
10. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen mukainen verhopäällystin, tunnettu siitä, että kaavinelimen (3) kaavintakohdan ja applikointisuuttimen (1) applikointikohdan välinen etäisyys rainan (2) pinnalla on alle 50 mm.

11. Verhopäällystysmenetelmä liikkuvan paperi- tai kartonki-
rainan (2) päällystämiseksi, jossa menetelmässä

5 - tuodaan päällystettävä raina (2) päällystysase-
malle, ja

- applikoidaan rainan (2) yläpuolelle sovitetulla
applikointisuuttimella (1) päällysteseosta rai-
nan (2) pinnalle yhtenäisenä rainan (2) leveys-
10 suuntaisena verhona,

tunnettu siitä, että poistetaan rainan (2) appli-
kointisuuttimen (1) puoleisella pinnalla olevaa rajaker-
rosilmaa rainan (2) kulkusuunnassa ennen applikointisuu-
15 tinta (1) sovitetulla kaavinelimellä (3).

12. Verhopäällystysmenetelmä liikkuvan paperi- tai kartonki-
rainan (2) päällystämiseksi, jossa menetelmässä

20 - tuodaan päällystettävä raina (2) päällystysase-
malle, ja

- applikoidaan rainan (2) yläpuolelle sovitetulla
applikointisuuttimella (1) päällysteseosta rai-
nan (2) pinnalle yhtenäisenä rainan (2) leveys-
25 suuntaisena verhona,

tunnettu siitä, että puhalletaan rainan (2) kulku-
suunnassa applikointisuuttimen (1) jälkeen sovitetusta
rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisesta kaasusuuttimesta (5) kaasua
30 applikointisuuttimesta (1) applikoitavaa päällysteseos-
verhoa kohti.

13. Patenttivaatimuksen 11 mukainen verhopääallystysmenetelmä, tunnettu siitä, että puhalletaan rainan (2) kuluksuunnassa applikointisuuttimen (1) jälkeen sovitettulla rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisella kaasusuuttimella (5) kaasua applikointisuuttimesta (1) applikoitavaa pääallysteseosverhoa kohti.
14. Patenttivaatimuksen 11 tai 13 mukainen verhopääallystysmenetelmä, tunnettu siitä, että imetään rainan (2) pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa kaavinelimeen (3) sovitettulla imuyhteellä (4).

(57) Tiivistelmä:

Tämä kekisintö koskee verhopääallystintä ja verhopääallystysmenetelmää liikkumaan sovitettun paperi- tai kartonkirainan (2) pääallystämiseksi. Verhopääallystin käsittää pääallystettävän rainan yläpuolelle (2) sovitettun applikointisuuttimen (1), josta pääallysteseosta applikoidaan rainan (2) pinnalle yhtenäisenä rainan (2) leveyssuuntaisena verhona. Rainan (2) pinnalla olevaa rajakerrosilmaa poistetaan rainan (2) kulkusuunnassa ennen pääallysteseoksen rainan (2) pinnalle osumakohtaa sovitetulla kaavinelimellä (3), joka on sovitettu samalle puolelle rainaa (2) kuin applikointisuutin (1).

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